

## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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### **Suffolk County Legislator Rob Trotta Recognized Four New Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 301, St. James**



**Pictured at the Eagle Court of Honor are from left to right: Joseph Madonia, Michael Panagiotopoulos, Suffolk County Legislator Rob Trotta, Peter Panagiotopoulos and Erik Stickevers.**

(Smithtown, NY)... Suffolk County Legislator Rob Trotta attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Boy Scout Troop 301 of St. James at the St. James Lutheran Church, which hosts the troop. The scouts earned their required merit badges, demonstrated that they have learned to be leaders and completed the tasks necessary to become an Eagle Scout.

For his community service project, Erik Stickevers did some work at the Animal Shelter in Smithtown. He built an arbor to mark the entrance to the dog path and created a safety barrier between the exercise yards for the dogs at the shelter. Eric's work will enhance the dog walking trail at the site.

Peter Panagiotopoulos decided to do his project to benefit the St. James Lutheran Church as a thank you for hosting the Troop's meetings. He removed everything from the

basement and then installed a waterproof floor in the recreation area and the office at the Church. He also built a plywood platform to fix an uneven area of the floor. In addition, he added plywood underneath the riser to the staircase to make it look more attractive.

Michael Panagiotopoulos did his community service project for the American Legion Hall in St. James. He renovated the storage area by waterproofing the walls and installed cabinets and a counter top to provide a better working environment for the veterans. His project was done as a thank you to the veterans for all they have done and continue to do for our country.

For his Eagle Scout project, Joseph Madonia built six tables for the Guide Dog Foundation to be used for training and exercising the guide dogs. Prior to Joseph taking on this task, the Foundation had only one table which they could use for this purpose.

At the ceremony, Suffolk County Legislator Rob Trotta said, "Thank you for inviting me as I find attending the Eagle Court of Honor to be an enjoyable part of my job and it makes me proud to know how many Eagle Scouts I have in my legislative district. I am very impressed by how many past Eagle Scouts also attend these ceremonies. Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is a great accomplishment and one that will be with you for the rest of your lives. You should all be an inspiration to your younger scouts and the other teenagers of this great county," said Legislator Rob Trotta.